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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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AN ACT PHASING OUT THE EDUCATION COST SHARING CAP.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 There is established the "Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund"
4 which shall be a separate nonlapsing fund. All funds received by the
5 state of Connecticut from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe pursuant to
6 the joint memorandum of understanding entered into by and between
7 the state and the tribe on January 13, 1993, as amended on April 30,
8 1993, and any successor thereto, shall be deposited in the General
9 Fund. During the fiscal year ending [June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year
10 thereafter, one hundred thirty-five million dollars] June 30, 2002, one
11 hundred ten million dollars, and during the fiscal year ending June 30,
12 2003, and each fiscal year thereafter, eighty-five million dollars,
13 received by the state from the tribe pursuant to said joint
14 memorandum of understanding, as amended, and any successor
15 thereto, shall be transferred to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan

16 Fund and shall be distributed by the Office of Policy and Management,
17 during said fiscal year, in accordance with the provisions of section 3-
18 55j. The amount of the grant payable to each municipality during any
19 fiscal year, in accordance with said section, shall be reduced
20 proportionately if the total of such grants exceeds the amount of funds
21 available for such year. The grant shall be paid in three installments as
22 follows: The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall,
23 annually, not later than the first day of December, the first day of
24 March and the first day of June certify to the Comptroller the amount
25 due each municipality under the provisions of section 3-55j and the
26 Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer on or before the
27 fifteenth day of December, the fifteenth day of March and the fifteenth
28 day of June and the Treasurer shall pay the amount thereof to such
29 municipality on or before the first day of January, the first day of April
30 and the thirtieth day of June.

31 Sec. 2. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-262h of the
32 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
33 thereof:

34 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and each fiscal year
35 thereafter, a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (A) the product of
36 a town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and the town's total need
37 students for the fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be
38 paid, (B) the product of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the
39 foundation level and the sum of the portion of its total need students
40 count described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of
41 section 10-262f for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the
42 grant is to be paid, and the adjustments to its resident student count
43 described in subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, relative to length of
44 school year and summer school sessions, and (C) the town's regional
45 bonus, except that the amount so determined shall be adjusted in
46 accordance with the following: For the fiscal years ending June 30,
47 1996, June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town, the
48 maximum percentage increase over its previous year's base revenue

49 shall be the product of five per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the
50 town ranked one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in
51 descending order to each town's wealth, provided no town shall
52 receive an increase greater than five per cent. For the fiscal years
53 ending June 30, 2000, June 30, 2001, June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003,
54 for each town, the maximum percentage increase over its previous
55 year's base revenue shall be the product of six per cent and the ratio of
56 the wealth of the town ranked one hundred fifty-third when all towns
57 are ranked in descending order to each town's wealth, provided no
58 town shall receive an increase greater than six per cent. No such
59 adjustment shall be made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, or
60 any fiscal year thereafter. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, for
61 each town, the maximum percentage reduction from its previous
62 year's base revenue shall be equal to the product of three per cent and
63 the ratio of each town's wealth to the wealth of the town ranked
64 seventeenth when all towns are ranked in descending order, provided
65 no town's grant shall be reduced by more than three per cent. For the
66 fiscal years ending June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for
67 each town, the maximum percentage reduction from its previous
68 year's base revenue shall be equal to the product of five per cent and
69 the ratio of each town's wealth to the wealth of the town ranked
70 seventeenth when all towns are ranked in descending order, provided
71 no town's grant shall be reduced by more than five per cent. For the
72 fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no
73 town's grant shall be less than the grant it received for the prior fiscal
74 year. In addition to the amount determined pursuant to this
75 subdivision, a town shall be eligible for a density supplement if the
76 density of the town is greater than the average density of all towns in
77 the state. The density supplement shall be determined by multiplying
78 the density aid ratio of the town by the foundation level and the town's
79 total need students for the prior fiscal year provided, for the fiscal year
80 ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's density
81 supplement shall be less than the density supplement such town
82 received for the prior fiscal year. For the fiscal year ending June 30,

1997, the grant determined in accordance with this subdivision for a town ranked one to forty-two when all towns are ranked in descending order according to town wealth shall be further reduced by one and two-hundredths of a per cent and such grant for all other towns shall be further reduced by fifty-six-hundredths of a per cent. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than the amount received under such grant for the prior fiscal year. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision that provides an amount of aid per resident student that is less than the amount of aid per resident student provided under the grant received for the prior fiscal year. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than seventy per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and the adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision (22) of said section 10-262f relative to length of school year and summer school sessions, and (iii) the town's regional bonus. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a transitional school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than forty per cent of the sum of (I) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, (II) the product of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of

117 the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs
118 (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the fiscal year
119 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and the
120 adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision (22)
121 of said section 10-262f relative to length of school year and summer
122 school sessions, and (III) the town's regional bonus. In addition to the
123 amount determined pursuant to this subdivision, each town that is
124 subject to the growth cap shall be eligible for a prorata share, as
125 determined by the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year
126 ending June 30, 2002, of twenty-five million dollars, and for the fiscal
127 year ending June 30, 2003, of fifty million dollars.

128 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]